



FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION

Mike Hightower

Michael R. “Mike” Hightower, appointed to the Florida Energy Commission in 2006, is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida’s vice president of governmental and legislative relations. He received his Bachelor’s degree from Jacksonville University, and served in the U.S. Air force from 1967 to 1971. He has spent the last 20 years working with state & local government, the business and academic communities and volunteer organizations to improve Floridians’ quality of life.

Mr. Hightower currently serves on Leadership Florida’s Board of Directors, and as its Northeast Regional Chairman. He also serves The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce as its Chairman of Membership. He is Vice Chairman of the Florida House Board of Trustees, Washington D.C. He also serves on the Legislative Policy council of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, and the World Affairs council. He is a past chairman of the Board of Directors of the JEA.

Mr. Hightower is active in his community. He serves on Boards of the Florida Insurance Council, the Florida Ounce of Prevention, and co-chairs the Jacksonville Public Library Capital Campaign. He is a past president of the Children’s Resource Fund of South Florida.

In 2005, Mr. Hightower received the Tallahassee Lobbying Corps’ Outstanding Male Lobbyist Award. The same year, he received the Joseph E. Lee Public Service Award. In 2004, he was named an Honorary Member by the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police. In 2002, he received the Soaring Eagle Distinguished Service Award from the Children’s Resource Fund, Inc. In 1999, the Florida Insurance Council bestowed the Wade E. Holland Distinguished Service Award.